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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 480

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A RESOLUTION To commend Mr. Pete Esser for his honorable
and astute service to the people of Oak Ridge.

WHEREAS, This legislative body is pleased to recognize the contributions of those Tennesseans, who, in their working careers and years of public service, have made significant contributions to their communities and have provided outstanding leadership in improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pete Esser is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; throughout his exemplary tenure as publisher of the *Oak Ridger*, he has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community; and

WHEREAS, Pete Esser has served his community in numerous positions, including as 2001 Chairman-elect of the Roane State Community College Foundation, as 2000 Chairman of the Oak Ridge Chamber of Commerce, and as 1999 Chairman of the New Century Alliance, a privately-funded Oak Ridge economic development organization; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Esser has also served as Director of the Tennessee Press Association from 1996-97, as Special Events Chairman of the Anderson County United Way in 1997, as

Director of the East Tennessee Development Council from 1994-97, and as Director of the Boys Club of Oak Ridge from 1994-98; and

WHEREAS, Pete Esser also played an integral role in getting a permanent branch campus of Roane State Community College located in Oak Ridge; and

WHEREAS, His countless good works and dedication to the greater good of Oak Ridge have earned him the universal respect and admiration of the good people of that fair city; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Esser's remarkable success as a civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, He is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people who life has treated unkindly, and he epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional and reliable friend and neighbor in Oak Ridge; and

WHEREAS, His many accomplishments aside, Mr. Esser is fortunate to share both love and companionship with his wife, Kathy; their four children, Katie, Mary Ann, Brian and Kelly, and he is devoted to the highest standard of family values; and

WHEREAS, Pete Esser is wholly committed to the noble precepts of distinguished service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State"; his dedication to progress, astute foresight, and great energy have had a profound impact upon the lives of the people of Oak Ridge, and he is worthy of much praise and approbation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby commend Mr. Pete Esser for his honorable and astute service to the good people of Oak Ridge and salute his unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we wish him much success and happiness in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.